

ABSTRACT

A method of operating an information apparatus that is on a local area includes the step of rasterizing a digital document on the information apparatus to generate image data and creating an intermediate output data from the image data. The intermediate output data is transmitted to an output device that is on the local area network and includes an output engine that outputs images with a device-specific output size and resolution. The image data is recovered from the intermediate output data and is converted to instructions compatible with the output engine, based at least in part on the device-specific output size and resolution of the output engine. The method further includes providing the instructions to the output engine and operating the output engine in response to the instructions and thereby outputting an image of the digital document.